

Maelstrom

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Burrard W. Eddy, CPA is up to his ears in taxes so there is nothing happening in my existence worth chatting about. Wait, there is one item. Sharon, of course, is in her senior year in mechanical engineering. She started the program with her sights on Bio-engineering as a career. At the U of Wash. Bio-Eng is a graduate school run jointly by the School of Engineering and the School of Medicine.

In the cycle of things Sharon submitted her application to the Bio-Engineering school but as a safety also to the Graduate School of Mechanical. Mechanical climbed all over her. Within 24 hours of her application hitting the desk she had admission and an offer of a \$11,000/ year TA position plus tuition. She finally heard from Bio a week later saying they only have two of the required three recommendation letters. Now you can be sure that old Buzzy would take the money and run, but Sharon didn't get into the position that she is in without a certain single mindedness of purpose, so she is still assessing the situation.

Another event is the sort of proud papa pleasure that sweetens life. In prior years I have bounced around on stage with a group called Kingsplayers doing chorus and bit part work. I have had to pass the last two years because they moved the performance dates from mid February which I can make work to mid March which I cannot. Anyway, my 14 year old son, Steve, has been working for four years trying to get the squawk out of his viola. He joined the orchestra of Kingsplayers for next months show and is sitting along side some of the premier symphony musicians of the area. Of course, they are breezing, and Steve is sweating blood, but he's holding his own, and Dad is proud enough to bust the buttons off his stayed collar white shirt.

The opening sentence on this column was to lead into the following. Boardman's Don Williams is a city planner in Valencia, CA which was racked hard by the January earthquake. His correspondence includes this description.

I have just received the game report for 93AY ... while it could have arrived at a less opportune time, I'd be hard pressed to cobble together a less opportune scenario. As you probably heard on the news recently, Southern California has been nailed by a 6.6 Richter scale quake. Said earthquake's epicenter is/was approximately 5 miles from my front door. The 5.0+ aftershocks have us all rattled.

To say we have suffered massive damage would be an overstatement, but not by a whole lot. While I haven't had, yet, the chance to itemize our losses, my rough guess is that we are down \$8 - \$10,000 dollars from where we were three days ago. Our home stands and the structure damage is, in the scheme of things, relatively minor. (I have two sliding glass doors which will not secure ... they will probably need to be replaced.) Our personal possessions did not fare quite as well; we lost 3 TVs, a very expensive stereo, and a massive load of crystal and dinnerware. Some of Stephanie's collectibles, too, though much of it was still packed and survived. Praise the Lord for small favors.

As a city employee/public servant, I am one of the people who is immediately activated as "emergency response" personnel, meaning that my normal schedule is history until the emergency has been met. At present, I'm on a 12-on / 12-off schedule, though in practice things have been very different, and are unlikely to change soon - we have no idea at this time about how long the emergency response will continue. Because I am management, (and therefore not eligible for overtime), I am now reporting for as long as its deemed necessary to cope with the disaster response. (While the community I live in is called Valencia, it is part of the City of Santa Clarita ... the City was hit hard, and approximately \$150 - \$? million is expected in damage.)

DON then continued a week later...

The disaster response continues ... I'm now in charge of the City's Emergency Operations Center from 10P - 7A for a week or so.

Thanks for the report Don. With tongue in cheek I occasionally tease government employees as scarf-it-up-at-the-trough layabouts, but my late lamented run for city council left me with a very great regard for my city's staff. The above 'day in the life of' emphasizes again the tremendous effort that is required to run a municipal corporation. And for those that asked, nope, they still don't want me on the Lynnwood City Council. I guess that I will have to spend my time doing important things like trying to make Diplomacy the premier pastime in North America. On the other piece of old business, on the fourth try we finally passed the School Construction Bond Issue. Getting the necessary 60% majority in this climate of "damn the taxes", "damn the governments", and "damn public education" is a

truly monumental task. We surveyed the district time and again, to find where our potential strength resided and worked those precincts with doorbelling, mailing, and phone calls. With every piece of campaign manipulation we could bring to bear we managed 61.7%.

Let see, I've probably processed the first 50 or 60 of the 280 or so tax returns that I will handle this year. The folks that I usually see first are those that deliberately set themselves up for big refunds. I preach and preach about the foolishness of letting the Feds use their money for free, but it is a fiscal irresponsible life style, that runs up debt all year and uses a big tax refund to catch up, that makes my efforts futile. Still I'm professionally bound to try to teach the ways of fiscal discipline and prudent money management to my clients even when I know I might as well be talking to a wall.

There is a second set of early in the season filers too. When there is a tragedy in the prior year there seems to be a desire to close the book as soon as possible. In my first two weeks last year I had to deal with four death of spouse returns. This year I have worked the returns for three divorces.

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As Con results become available this summer there is probably going to be an expanded Maelstrom. The intent will be to let Maelstrom serve as the Register record, with the cross-tables and ratings of the results reported during the month. I will maintain the ADR flyer service, but primarily to serve local groups. I might also stuff the shirt of Maelstrom a bit more and change its name to Diplomacy America, or something a bit more in keeping with the tone of the exercise.

MAELSTROM PRIZE GAME #1

Allan B. Calhamer
1992 AB

SPRING 07 Deadline - MARCH 11, 1994 (5:00 PM PST)

England - Larry Botimer (4116) 34404 54th Ave. S. Auburn WA 98001 (206) 735-7459

France - Gary Behnen (6343) 13101 S. Trenton Olathe, KS 66062 (913) 829-1474

Germany - Chris Hurley (2925) 2305 Carr Ct. Ellicott City, MD 21042 Work - 1-800-FOR-CNET x 6766

Italy - Eric Voogd (1416) 22620 Byron St. Hayward, CA 94541 Day (510) 727-5331 Eve (510) 582-4783

Austria - Bob Acheson (2112) 15715 92nd Ave. Edmonton, Alb T5R 5C5 Canada (403) 489-8258

Russia - Arthur Shulman (1612) 3 Wooded Hill Lane Randolph NJ 07869 (201) 989-4335

Turkey - Marc Peters (4031) 370 North St. Sun Prairie, WI 53590 (608) 837-3252

GM - Buz Eddy (1000) 7500 212th SW #205 Edmonds, WA 98026 (206) 775 - 7127, Hm (206) 774 -8588, Fax (206) 672-0461

Winter 1906

Retreats

Italy - R Tyr - NAP
Russia - R Con - ANK

Build/Removals

England - B A EDI
Austria - B A VIE
Russia - R A SII
R F Bar

Season separation requested, (Actually, it was "called for", "begged for" and "prayed for") and granted. I haven't computed the permutations of possible positions here but I know it is a great many more than I would want to have to write conditional orders for.

In review: the Maelstrom prize games are DIAS. Draws included all survivors. The positions are NO replacement, NO CD, and the player of record may reappear after numerous NMRs.

Corrections sent to players last time, both Calhamer: map error missed Austrian Army Tyr and list ITA F Ion retreat as (Nap, OTB) instead of (Nap, Tus, OTB). It gave me the excuse to continue to ask for game commentary, and the result has been very good. Each of these games will provide good learning tools for playing competitive Diplomacy, even for the experienced.

MAELSTROM PRIZE GAME #2

John Boardman
1993 AY

SPRING 1903 Deadline - MARCH 11, 1994 (5:00 PM PST)

England - Nelson Heintzman (3317) P.O. Box 603; East Amherst, NY 14051 (716) 433-4337

France - Stan Johnson (2555) 3712 West Northern Ave. #454 Phoenix, AZ 85051 (602) 841-3227

Germany - Dan Mathias (3429) 509 Bayview Dr. Lusby MD 20657 (410) 326-2568

Italy - Jack Garrett (2620) 481 W. Lincoln Dr. Greenville OH 45331 (513) 547-1652

Austria - Mark Fassio (4318) 4918 Appaloosa Trail Fairborn OH 45324-9700 (513) 767-2209

Russia - Gary Behnen (6343) 13101 S. Trenton Olathe, KS 66062 (913) 829-1474

Turkey - Don Williams (1822) 25252 Via Sistine Valencia CA 91355 (805) 254-1380

GM - Buz Eddy (1000) 7500 212th St. SW #205 Edmonds, WA 98026 (206) 775-7127, HM - (206) 774-8588; Fax (206) 672-0461

FALL 1902

England - F Nth - HEL; F Lon - NTH; F Ska - SWE; F Nwy S F Ska - Swe; A BEL S FRE A Bur - Hol

France - F Mao - WES; A Mar - PIE; F PIC - H; A Bur - MUN; A Ruh - HOL

Germany - (NMR) A HOL H(Dis. Kie, OTB); F DEN H; F HEL H; A MUN H(Dis. Ruh, Kei, Sil, OTB); A TYL H

Italy - A TUN - Apu; F ION C Tun - Apu(Dis. Tyr, Nap, Apu, Adr, Alb, OTB); A VEN - Tyl; A BOH S FRE A Bur - Mun

Austria - A TRI S GER A Tyl - Ven(NSO); A Bud - RUM; F GRE S TUR F Eas - Ion; A Gal - UKR; A VIE S A Tri

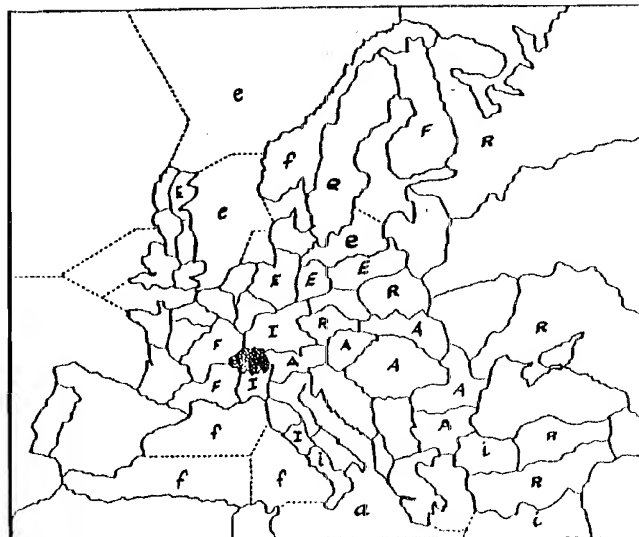
Russia - F BAL S A Sil -Ber; A Sil - BER; A Ukr - WAR; F SEV - Rum(Anh.)

Turkey - F BLA S A Arm - SEV; F AEG S Eas - Ion; A Arm - SEV; A SER S AUS A Bud - Rum; F Eas - ION

England - Home, Nwy, Bel, SWE	6	+1
France - Home, Spa, Por, HOL, MUN	7	+2
Germany - Kei, Den, {Ber}, {Mun}, {Hol}	2	-3/-2/-1
Italy - Home, Tun	4	0/+1
Austria - Home, Rum, Gre	5	0
Russia - StP, War, Mos, {Sev}, BER	4	+1
Turkey - Home, Bul, Ser, SEV	6	+1

One more time to repeat the litany of Maelstrom. Maelstrom prize games are DIAS, no replacement, and no CD. The player of record may reappear at any time regardless of the number of NMRs.

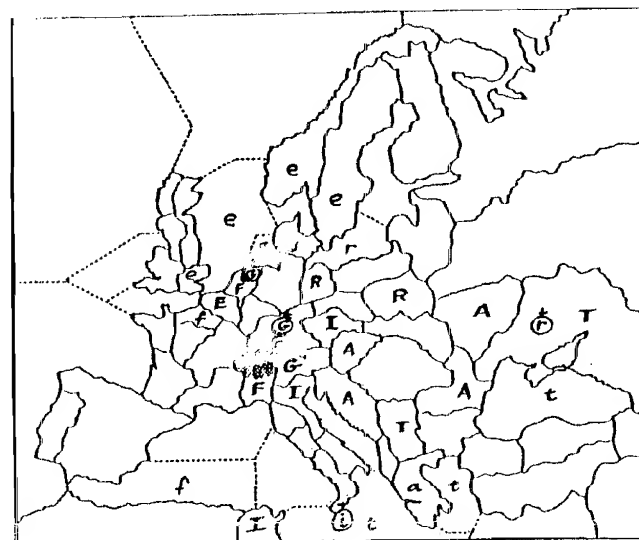
DEADLINE - 5:00 PM PDT March 11, 1994. Normally, this is soft for about an hour, but my 4:00 tax appointment canceled and I had the adjudication complete and was at my word processor by 5:00. Actually, this crowd is pretty good about getting moves in early, and with only one game that wasn't too complex it was quickly accomplished.



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